

# State of South Dakota

## SEVENTY-SEVENTH SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2002

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### HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1015

Introduced by: Representatives Van Norman, Abdallah, Adelstein, Bartling, Bradford, Burg, Davis, Elliott, Glenski, Hanson (Gary), Hargens, Hennies (Don), Hennies (Thomas), Hundstad, Jensen, Klaudt, Kloucek, Kooistra, Lange, Nesselhuf, Peterson (Jim), Sigdestad, Valandra, and Van Gerpen and Senators Volesky, Bogue, de Hueck, Hagen, Koetzle, Olson (Ed), Putnam, and Stagers

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Encouraging state and local law enforcement agencies to  
2 acquire and to use video cameras at all traffic stops.

3 WHEREAS, there have been increasing allegations around the nation of racial profiling by  
4 law enforcement officers in making traffic stops and other arrests, including possible incidents  
5 involving South Dakota's Native American population; and

6 WHEREAS, a number of law enforcement practices and training activities, including data  
7 collection and the use of video cameras in law enforcement vehicles, have been proposed to  
8 address this issue; and

9 WHEREAS, many state and local law enforcement agencies across the nation have begun  
10 using video cameras in law enforcement motor vehicles to record the activities taking place at  
11 traffic stops; and

12 WHEREAS, these cameras, which provide a clear record of each traffic stop, have been  
13 found to be helpful in collecting evidence and in serving as an alternative to manual data



1 collection; and

2 WHEREAS, these cameras serve both as a benefit to law enforcement agencies and to the  
3 traveling public; and

4 WHEREAS, the South Dakota Highway Patrol and some county and municipal law  
5 enforcement agencies in the state have begun to equip law enforcement vehicles with video  
6 cameras:

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-  
8 seventh Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that video  
9 cameras in law enforcement vehicles be recognized as a valuable law enforcement tool which  
10 offers a valuable means of protection to the traveling public and that the South Dakota Highway  
11 Patrol and local law enforcement agencies are hereby encouraged to continue to equip law  
12 enforcement vehicles with video cameras and to use these cameras at all traffic stops.